Millions of Santander customers and staff members affected by data breach

Description

An attempted data breach targeting Santander staff and customers has caused concern, with hackers claiming to have confidential information available for sale. The bank has acknowledged the breach, confirming that data has been stolen, and is actively reaching out to affected individuals. While no transactional data or credentials that could lead to unauthorized account access were compromised, sensitive information from customers in Chile, Spain, and Uruguay, as well as current and former employees, has been accessed. The hackers, known as ShinyHunters, have allegedly leaked details of 30 million bank accounts, 6 million account numbers, 28 million credit card numbers, and HR information for staff members. However, Santander has not verified the accuracy of these claims.

This breach is linked to a larger cyber attack involving a cloud storage company, Snowflake, with hackers reportedly gaining access through stolen login details. Snowflake has confirmed potentially unauthorized access to a limited number of customer accounts but reassures the public that no sensitive data was compromised. Despite concerns, experts warn against jumping to conclusions about ShinyHunters' claims, as they may be exaggerated for attention. The FBI is involved in addressing the breach, along with cooperation from the Australian government and cyber-security experts, to safeguard affected individuals and prevent further data breaches.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Breach** // (noun): An act of accessing a computer system or network without authorization.
2. **Confidential** // (adjective): Intended to be kept secret or private.
3. **Compromised** // (verb): Exposed to riskdangeror harm.
4. **Allegedly** // (adverb): Used to convey that something is claimed to be the casealthough there is no conclusive evidence.
5. **Exaggerated** // (adjective): Enlarged or altered beyond normal proportions.
6. **Safeguard** // (verb): Protect from harm or damage.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the best way to approach a research study to ensure accuracy and reliability?

Option: A. Allegedly
Option: B. Rigorously
Option: C. Impressively
Option: D. Exceeded

2. What term is used to describe the act of supporting or promoting a cause or idea?

Option: A. Insights
Option: B. Advocacy
Option: C. Jackpot
Option: D. Unidentified

3. What term is commonly used to describe forecasts or estimations?

Option: A. Significant
Option: B. Projections
Option: C. Optimism
Option: D. Breach

4. Which term best describes information that is meant to be kept secret or private?

Option: A. Volatility
Option: B. Safeguard
Option: C. Confidential
Option: D. Odds

5. What term is used to describe something that is stretched beyond the truth?

Option: A. Robust
Option: B. Exaggerated
Option: C. Anticipate
Option: D. Stint

6. Which term denotes the degree of variation of a trading price series?

Option: A. Divergence
Option: B. Intraday
Option: C. Rigorously
Option: D. Volatility

7. What term means to expect or predict something will happen?

Option: A. Anticipate
Option: B. Advocacy
Option: C. Exploration
Option: D. Front-end

8. Which term reflects a positive outlook or belief in a favorable outcome?

Option: A. Allegedly

Option: B. Optimism

Option: C. Safeguard

Option: D. Jackpot

9. What term refers to sensitive information meant to be kept private?

Option: A. Breach

Option: B. Confidential

Option: C. Impressive

Option: D. Allegedly

10. Which term describes something strong and healthy in form or constitution?

Option: A. Insights

Option: B. Robust

Option: C. Allegedly

Option: D. Front-end

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The company _____ its quarterly revenue targets by 20%.

12. The impact of the new policy on our business is _____ .

13. The stock price fluctuated several times _____ during the trading day.

14. The company recorded a _____ profit increase in the last fiscal year.

15. The hacker remains _____ at this time.

16. The horse with the highest _____ won the race.

17. All _____ are eligible for a refund if the event is canceled.

18. It is crucial to _____ your personal information online.

19. The _____ between the predicted and actual results was unexpected.

20. She performed _____ well during the job interview.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The of a website involves the user interface and design elements.

22. The data analysis provided valuable into consumer behavior.
23. The suspect committed the crime although there is no concrete evidence yet.
24. Winning the lottery was like hitting the for the lucky ticket holder.
25. The security led to unauthorized access to confidential data.
26. The confidential information was due to a cybersecurity attack.
27. His recount of the events seemed adding dramatized details.
28. The stock market showed high due to rapid price fluctuations.
29. The company's financial position remained despite economic challenges.
30. The unexpected victory defied the as the underdog team won.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B. Rigorously 2. B. Advocacy 3. B. Projections 4. C. Confidential 5. B. Exaggerated
6. D. Volatility 7. A. Anticipate 8. B. Optimism 9. B. Confidential 10. B. Robust
Gap-Fill: 11. Exceeded 12. Significant 13. Intraday 14. Whopping 15. Unidentified 16. Odds 17. Ticketholders
18. Safeguard 19. Divergence 20. Impressively
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8. Volatility 9. Robust 10. Odds

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